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IRREGULARITIES ON EMIGRATIN OF LOW PAID WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of irregularities on emigration of low-paid workers from Mumbai to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, whether the involvement of emigration staff at Mumbai has come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, whether the Government has set up any mechanism to detect such illegal emigrations abroad; and

(d) if so, the number of travel agents registered with the Government have been black-listed so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): Sporadic complaints are received from various quarters, including Indian Missions in the Gulf countries, about illegal emigration of unskilled workers to the Gulf countries. As and when such complaints are received against registered recruiting agents, they are issued show-cause notices and action is initiated to suspend/cancel their registration and forfeit their Bank Guarantees. During the current year registration certificates of 21 recruiting agents have been suspended and those of 6 cancelled so far. However, no specific instance of involvement of emigration staff at Mumbai has come to the notice of the Government.